

A NEW SPECIES OF ROVE BEETLE FROM INDIA  
(COLEOPTERA: STAPHYLINIDAE)<sup>1,2</sup>

T. R. KEM<sup>3</sup> AND SWARAJ GHAI<sup>4</sup>  
(With a text-figure)

The genus *Deinopsis* Matth. is found throughout the world near marshes and streams. Only one species *Deinopsis cinnamomea* Kr. is known so far from Andamans (India). In this paper a species collected in Delhi is described as new to science. This species differs from *D. cinnamomea* in size, antennae and thoracic punctations.

***Deinopsis puncturatus* sp. nov.**

Fig. 1

**Female:**

A small, shiny cinnamon-brown insect, very densely punctate and finely pubescent throughout, antennae and legs yellow. Length 1.5 mm. Head transverse. Eyes large but not prominent. Antennae slender, slightly geniculate, basal segment quite long, even longer than second and third segments together, segments fourth to tenth broader than long and eleventh longer and clavate. Thorax nearly one and half as broad as long, the side rounded, nearly

retracted in front, the posterior angles rectangular, prominent. Elytra as long as broad. Wings with normal type of venation and posterior border fringed with long hairs. Intersegmental membrane with small square shaped chitinous portions in longitudinal rows.

**Material studied:**

Holotype: ♀ slide mounted, collected by Tilak Ram at light at I.A.R.I., New Delhi on 10th August, 1969.

Paratypes: ♀ No. tag mounted, ♀ No. on slide, 3 ♀ ♀ in tube collected from pulse field by Tilak Ram at I.A.R.I., New Delhi on 10th August, 1969. Types in National Pusa Collection, I.A.R.I., New Delhi.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are thankful to (Late) Dr. S. Pradhan, the then Head of the Division of Entomology, I.A.R.I., New Delhi for having provided necessary facilities for the research.

Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, Faridabad.

<sup>4</sup> Systematic Entomologist, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi 100 012.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted February 1977.

<sup>2</sup> Forms part of the dissertation of the senior author submitted to IARI for award of M.Sc. degree.

<sup>3</sup> Documentation Entomologist, Directorate of